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**Raymond Anderson is sentenced to 53 months for
assaulting a guard at the Wyatt Detention Center**

**The sentence is in addition to a 30-year federal sentence for his role in the
carjacking murders of Jason Burgeson and Amy Shute**

A federal judge has sentenced **Raymond Anderson**, who is serving a 30-year federal prison sentence for his role in a carjacking and double homicide, to an additional 53 months in federal prison for assaulting a guard at the Wyatt Federal Detention Center last December.

The Office of the United States Attorney announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence. Anderson, 22, pleaded guilty to the assault on August 14.

At the plea hearing in August, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adi Goldstein said that, had the case gone to trial, the government would have proven that, on December 6, 2002, Anderson struck a Wyatt Center guard several times. The guard, who hit his head on a bed or locker as a result of the assault and briefly lost consciousness, suffered multiple injuries and was subsequently diagnosed with a concussion, multiple bruises, and a torn knee ligament. Anderson later told an investigator that he had punched the guard because he was upset at his thirty-year prison sentence for a carjacking and double homicide.

In November 2002, Anderson was sentenced for his role in the June 2000 carjacking and murders of Jason Burgeson and Amy Shute. Shute and Burgeson were abducted at gunpoint in downtown Providence and subsequently shot to death at a remote construction site in Johnston.

In January 2001, Anderson pleaded guilty to the carjacking and agreed to cooperate with the government in the prosecution of four codefendants. Three codefendants – Gregory Floyd, Samuel Sanchez and Harry Burdick – were sentenced to life in federal prison. A federal judge dismissed charges against another defendant, Kenneth Day, but state charges are pending against him.

After the assault on the guard at Wyatt, Anderson was assigned to Lewisburg Federal Prison in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and was brought back from Lewisburg when a grand jury indicted him on the assault charge.

Under federal law, a sentence for an offense committed while in custody must be consecutive to any sentence already being served, so the 53 month sentence imposed by Judge Torres will be added on to Anderson's 30-year sentence for the carjacking.

The **United States Marshals Service** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Adi Goldstein prosecuted it.

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